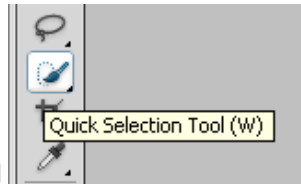


Blurring the Background

You can make an object in the foreground stand out from the background by applying a blur filter effect.

1. Open Photoshop CS5
2. Open a photo of your choice
3. Create a duplicate of the photo



4. Use the Quick Selection Tool to trace the outline of the object in the foreground:

- click to create a starting point

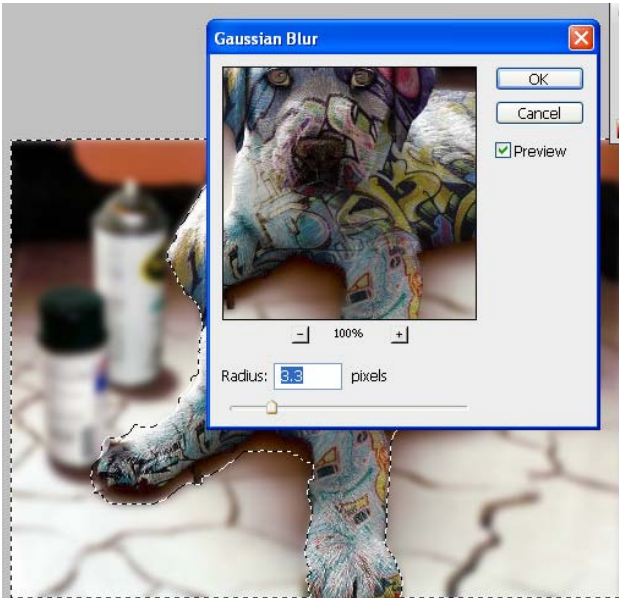
- to trace the object, click and drag the mouse pointer around the outline of the shape

- to de-select a portion that was selected, hold down the ALT key and drag the selection back





5. From the Filter menu, select *Blur*. Blur options that look the best are *Gaussian Blur* or *Motion Blur*. Select an option. Adjust the settings for the filter by dragging the slider to the right to increase the blur, or to the left to reduce the blur. When it looks the way you like, click Ok.



6. To remove the selection box, select *Deselect* from the *Select* menu, or right click on the image and select *Deselect* from the menu.



7. Save the picture as *Blurry Background*
8. Exit Photoshop CS5